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Press Release: Department of Education Releases Accountability Determinations for Schools

Audience: All

The Vermont Department of Education released 2009 school accountability determinations as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA) on March 24, 2009. More information on school and district performance can be found on the department's Web site at

http://www.state.vt.us/educ/new/html/pgm_accountability.html#AYP. View the entire press release packet: http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/dept/press_releases/educ_ayp_packet_09_0324.pdf.

Contact: Jill Remick at (802) 828-3154 or jill.remick@state.vt.us

Press Release: State Board of Education Announces Election of Officers

Audience: All

The State Board of Education elected officers at its March 17 meeting. Tom James of Essex was re-elected Board chair, and Ruth Stokes of Williston was re-elected vice-chair. For this and other releases, visit http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/press_releases.html.

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2009 NECAP Science Test Administration Window

Audience: Superintendents, Principals, Career and Technical Education Center Directors; Curriculum Coordinators, Science Department Chairs

The administration window for this year's New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Science tests is May 11-28, 2009. All Vermont students in grades 4, 8, and 11, including publicly funded students attending private independent schools, should participate unless a student qualifies for alternate assessment or an exemption for medical reasons, family emergency or personal crisis.

For more information go to: http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_curriculum/science.html#window.

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Energy in Schools Workshop - NOTE CORRECT DATE Tuesday April 7th

Audience: Facility Directors, Principals, Business Managers

The Northeast High Performance Schools Exchange, Vermont Department of Education and Efficiency Vermont are hosting the Vermont Energy in Schools Workshop at the Department of Education offices on Route 302 in Berlin, VT. This workshop will include discussions on how to develop an energy management program, EPA Portfolio Manager, how to read your utility bills, utility company energy efficiency programs, and other items. Presenters will include Bob Cerio from Ocean State Energy Resources and former Energy Manager for the City of Warwick, Efficiency Vermont, and Shubhada Kambli of the Environmental Protection Agency. For more information and to register go to:

<http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html#energy>.

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School Plant and Maintenance Conference: June 25, 2009

Audience: Facility Directors, Principals, Custodians

The 52nd Annual Vermont School Plant and Maintenance Conference is scheduled for June 25 and 26, 2009 at Hartford High School. For more information go to:

<http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html#plant>.

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Save the Date: Framework for Applying Structured Teaching Across the School Day

Audience: Principals, Special Education Administrators, Special Education Teachers, Speech/Language Pathologists, Related Service Providers, General Education Teachers Who Work as Teams to Provide Programming for Students on the Autism Spectrum

To be held on July 17, 18, 19, 2009 at Ottauquechee School in Quechee, Vermont. This three-day hands-on training will focus on applying structured teaching strategies to design and implement individual programs for students on the autism spectrum. Training will allow team planning time. For more information go to: <http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html#structured>.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For the Department of Education Web site see: <http://education.vermont.gov/>. For upcoming events or professional development opportunities, see the DOE Calendar of Events located at: <http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html>.

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